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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to taking up the above-identified patent application for review, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to amendment of previously pending claims 1, 9, 15, and 21. Claims 1-25 are now pending in the application. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

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1. A method to map a storage environment data object, comprising:
receiving a reference to the data object in a first storage environment, wherein the data object resides in a second storage environment;
generating a first data structure from the reference representing one or more physical locations of the data object within the second storage environment; [and]
retaining the first data structure to interface with one or more of the physical locations of the data object from the first storage environment; and
updating the first data structure when changes occur to the data object in the second storage environment.
 9. A method to represent a data storage object, comprising:
identifying one or more storage locations for the data storage object housed within a first storage environment;
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